



## Catalyst for Change March 2026

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the March edition of Catalyst for Change! March is [Brain Injury Awareness Month](#) and this edition of Catalyst for Change spotlights key resources related to Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and what you can do to increase awareness and improve clinical care.

In addition, [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) is hosting two webinars this month: [Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse Later in Life](#) and [Prevention as Safety Planning: Addressing the Intersections of HIV and IPV](#), we hope you will attend and more information is below.

On April 1, 2026, [Futures Without Violence](#) and [Workplaces Respond to Domestic & Sexual Violence](#) will host an informational session about *Care in Practice*, a Futures Without Violence virtual training series to equip workplace leaders at health centers with the knowledge, tools, and expert support needed to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment in the workplace. To learn more about the *Care in Practice* program and register for the related informational session, see below.

Finally, Research Roundtable hosted by FUTURES' [National Health Initiative on Violence and Abuse](#), the [Johns Hopkins Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity](#), and the [Bloomberg American Health Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#) is offering three upcoming sessions. See below to register for the final dates of this Roundtable Series.

### Brain Injury Awareness Month

Brain Injury Awareness Month was established in 1980 by the Brain Injury Association of America to educate, advocate, and bring attention to the challenges individuals with brain injuries face.

### Featured Resources

#### [Ohio Domestic Violence Network - CHATS \(Tool\)](#)

*CHATS* is a tool developed by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) to support individuals after a head injury and identify brain injuries under their CARE (Connect, Acknowledge, Respond, Evaluate) framework.

#### [ODVN - Has Your Head Been Hurt? \(Educational Card\)](#)

*Has Your Head Been Hurt?* is an educational card developed by ODVN that provides information on injuries related to TBIs and strangulation, links to emotional and cognitive symptoms, and highlights the warning signs of life-threatening injuries.

#### [ODVN - Invisible Injuries Booklet](#)

The *Invisible Injuries Booklet* is a companion tool for the [Has Your Head Been Hurt](#) card, to assist domestic violence programs in accommodating the needs of survivors who have experienced head injuries

Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) are a common form of physical violence that are often repeated. Studies show rates of TBI are higher among IPV survivors in comparison to the general population. [60% of IPV survivors](#) have sustained at least one TBI with loss of consciousness.

and to identify possible follow-up care or evaluation.

To learn more about TBIs, check out the following resources:

- [Addressing Partner Inflicted Brain Injuries – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
  - This webinar from [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) discusses brain injuries as a result of domestic violence and the impacts it has on survivors overall health and wellbeing.
- [Brain Injury - Ohio Domestic Violence Network](#)
  - The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) created this link of resources and materials to raise awareness of the emerging area of brain injury caused by domestic violence such as:
    - [Invisible Injuries Booklet](#)
    - [Has Your Head Been Hurt](#)
- [Brain Injury Awareness Month - Brain Injury Association of America](#) (BIAA)
  - BIAA leads the nation in observing Brain Injury Awareness Month. This page will lead you to their new advocacy initiatives, events, and resources related to their, “My Brain Injury Journey” 2026 campaign.
  - BIAA encourages everyone affected by a brain injury to share their story [here](#).
- [Brain Injury Awareness Month — Hope Survives](#)
  - Hope Survives exists to provide a lifeline for anyone navigating brain injury, fostering a compassionate community that promotes healing and wellness. Click the link above to find the toolkit and events they have developed for Brain Injury Awareness Month.
- [Traumatic Brain Injury & Concussion | Traumatic Brain Injury & Concussion | CDC](#)
  - Resources from the CDC offering information about TBI & Concussions
- [“HELPS” Screening Tool for Traumatic Brain Injury](#)
  - The original “HELPS” screening tool for traumatic brain injury was developed by M. Picard, D. Scarisbrick, R. Paluck, 9/91, International Center for the Disabled, TBI-NET, U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration,

Grant #H128A00022. The [Helps Tool](#) was updated by project personnel to reflect recent recommendations by the CDC on the diagnosis of TBI.

- [The Danger Assessment Tool](#) developed by Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

## **Upcoming Webinar - Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse in Later Life**

[Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) and [NCECE](#) are hosting a national webinar focused on the prevalence and health impact of intimate partner violence (IPV) in later life and elder abuse. The session will offer strategies to facilitate patient conversations, assessments, and response for IPV, and how to improve access to supportive community services.

This webinar will be presented in English with Spanish and ASL interpretation.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Time:** 8:00 AM HST/10:00 AM PST/11:00 AM MST/12:00 PM CST/1:00 PM EST (60-minute webinar)

To learn more and register, click [here](#).

## **New Blogpost: Navigating Conversations with Patients on Elder Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence**

In addition to the March 11, 2026 webinar, Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse in Later Life, check out the blogpost, [Navigating Conversations with Patients on Elder Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence](#), by Futures Without Violence's Social Work Intern, Katie Truong, CHW, that offers the perspective of a Social Work graduate student on what it means to work with older adults and how to address Elder abuse and IPV.

## **Upcoming Webinar - Prevention as Safety Planning: Addressing the Intersections of HIV and IPV**

[Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) in partnership with [Fenway Health](#) are hosting a webinar that will bring sites together to learn about the intersections of HIV and intimate partner violence. We will discuss prevention as a safety planning tool, address common misconceptions regarding HIV prevention, and work to improve HIV prevention efforts.

This webinar will be presented in English with Spanish and ASL interpretation.

**1 CME/CEU credit hour is provided for this webinar through the American Academy of Family Physicians.** Please check with your licensing body to determine whether these credits are accepted. To receive credits, register for the

webinar and respond to the evaluation survey provided at the end,

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM HST/11:00 AM PST/12:00 PM MST/1:00 PM CST/2:00 PM EST (60-minute webinar)

To learn more and register, click [here](#).

## Research Roundtable: IPV & Health

This powerful nine-part roundtable series hosted by [The National Health Initiative on Violence and Abuse at FUTURES](#), the [Johns Hopkins Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity](#), and the [Bloomberg American Health Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#) brings together leading experts to share cutting-edge research and innovative solutions to address the convergence between intimate partner violence and health.

Below, please find a list of the upcoming sessions in the series:

- [Perpetration Prevention: Supporting People Who Cause Violence](#)
  - Date: March 11, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST
- [Crisis Within Crisis: IPV and Climate- Related Disasters](#)
  - Date: April 15, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST
- [The Economics of Safety: Economic Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Tech-Facilitated Abuse](#)
  - Date: May 13, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST

## Care In Practice Training Cohort (May 2026)

Care in Practice is a Futures Without Violence virtual training series that will equip **workplace leaders at community health centers** - such as Human Resources (HR) and executives - with the knowledge, tools, and expert support needed to prevent and respond to **domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment in the workplace**.

With healthcare workers experiencing high rates of violence — and many incidents going unreported — this program supports workplace leaders in creating healing-centered policies and practices that **protect staff, improve quality of patient care, and cultivate safer work environments**.

**Program Includes:**

- 3 virtual learning sessions with national subject-matter experts
- Guided policy development and revision with expert and peer feedback
- 1:1 support tailored to your organization
- Networking with a peer cohort of community health center leader

Interested? Fill out [this interest form!](#)

For more information, join [Futures Without Violence](#) and [Workplaces Respond to Domestic & Sexual Violence](#) for an informational session:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026

**Time:** 11:00 AM PST / 12:00 PM MST / 1:00 PM CST / 2:00 PM EST

To register, [click here](#).

Warmly,

Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation Team

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